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1. The passports of Mulk Raj Anand,* Rajender Singh Bedi, Krishen Chander, Mrs. Ismat Chughtai, and Khwaja Ahmed Abbas were confiscated by the Bombay police the day before they were scheduled to depart for Paris to attend the Peace Conference.
2. Morarji Desai, Home Minister for Bombay Province, is reported to have confiscated the passports because he felt it would be a great mistake to permit people of Anand's type to represent India at what was obviously a Communist convocation.

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Comment. [redacted] dated 3 January 1948, identifies Anand as an intellectual Communist and editor of a paper in Nagpur. Other information indicates that he was educated in England, was a member to the World Congress of Intellectuals at Breslau, Poland, in August 1948, and has written several books in English on both literary and political matters.

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